



## **Finn-Thorton Scholarship Fund**

### **Scholarship Information:**

In conjunction with the goals of 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. and supported by the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation, this \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a direct descendant of a WWII 10th Mountain Division soldier. The descendant recipient will have demonstrated outstanding meritorious service to the World War II 10th Mountain Division, above all other descendants who apply. The scholarship money will be awarded as the descendant enters his/her first year at an accredited institute of higher learning and will be paid directly to such institution through the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation.

**Who:** Given as a onetime scholarship to one direct descendant entering his/her first year at an accredited institute of higher learning.

**Amount:** \$2,500 for first year only and will be awarded by 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. but paid through the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation directly to the accredited institute of higher learning. 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. will support this scholarship in full.

**Criteria:** A committee of 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. will grant the scholarship to the descendant who demonstrates outstanding Merit, rather than Need, above all other descendants who apply. The applicant's Chapter President of the National Association or the Chapter Descendant Director of 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. will support that the applicant has demonstrated outstanding meritorious service to the World War II 10th Mountain Division. One recommended way to earn this scholarship is by working with the Chapter President and/or Descendant Director by completing a project dedicated to or for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. It is advised that the direct descendant begin work on this project in his/her sophomore or Junior year of High School.

**Aid Offered:** This \$2,500 Scholarship money will be awarded as the descendant enters his/her first year at an accredited institute of higher learning and will be paid directly to such institution through the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation.

**Due Date:** All documentation and Letter of Meritorious Service must be postmarked by May 1 to be considered for the following academic year. (For example, May 1, 2016 for the 2016-2017 Academic year)

### **Contact Information:**

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# Finn-Thorton Scholarship - Application Form

## Section 1 Contact Information for Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box #

Apt/Unit#

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_; Cell \_\_\_\_\_;

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_

His Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Chapter President and /or Chapter Descendant Director:

\_\_\_\_\_

High School Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of accredited college, university or comparable institution (where you will be attending in the upcoming Academic year)

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\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Documentation Required: Introductory letter (limited to one page) telling us about yourself, your ambitions and your goals. Mark this Section 1.

## Section 2 Relationship of applicant to a WWII 10th Mountain Division Soldier

Applicant's Name and relationship to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

1. Verification of ancestor's service in 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division:

Soldier's Name: \_

Soldier's Unit: \_ \_ \_

**Documentation required:** *Copy of WWII soldier's discharge papers; highlight or circle both veteran's name and indication of service in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. (In lieu of original discharge papers, please contact Keli Schmid at the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Resource Center, Denver Public Library for confirmation of a soldier's service in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Denver Public Library: 10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway Denver, CO 80204-2731; Reference Desk Phone: 720-865-18) Mark this Section 2.*

2. Verification of direct *lineal* descendency of applicant:

**Documentation required:** *A copy of a birth certificate, or legal adoption papers, for each generation must be attached to this application to prove direct lineal descendency. Highlight the direct lineal descendency for each birth certificate. Mark this Section 2.*

1<sup>st</sup> Generation – name of soldier's daughter/son

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2<sup>nd</sup> Generation – name of grandson or granddaughter

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3<sup>rd</sup> Generation – name of great- grandson or great- granddaughter

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### Section 3 - The following information will require documentation:

1. Letter supporting your meritorious service from either 10th Mountain Division Association President or the Descendant Director in which you are a member \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(Mark this section 3)**
2. Documentation of the applicant's meritorious service to the World War II 10th Mountain Division. **(Mark this section 3)**